THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) All major works except a small portion of the Tail Race Tunnel of the Salal Hydroelectric Project have been completed. Due to weak geology, loose muck and boulders had started flowing in a stretch of about 9 metres of unfinished Tail Race Tunnel of the project on 31-5-1987. Afer removing debris and draining out the water in the cavities, extensive step by step grouting, to fill the cavities is being carried out through out the tunnel in the shear zones, having weak geology. Additional steel supports have also been provided at the critical locations.

Setting up of notional drugs and Pharmaceutical Authority

899. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to have greater control over ehe quality of drugs purchased in the country, Government have decided to set up National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Authority;

(b) if so, by when the same will be constituted; and

(c) what will be the main functions of the said drugs authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The National Drug and Pharmaceutical Authority (NDPA) is being set up with the objective of ensuring rational use of drugs by edequately testing their therapeutic efficacy and to coordinate matters relating to development of drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in the country. The time frame for setting up of the proposed Authority is one year.

R & D Programme in BHEL

900. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survival of BHEL, the only indigenous manufacturer of power generating equipment, rests on Research and Development Programme;

(b) what is the total amount allocated for research and development programme in BHEL for the last three years; and

(c) whether any headway has been made in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (c) The R&D activities in BHEL are directed towards assimilation and adaptation of a judicious mix of indigenous and imported technologies, cost reduction, etc. keeping in view the market preferences.

The R&D efforts in BHEL have resulted in successful commercial development of a number of Products/Systems.

(b) The annual expenditure in BHEL on R&D during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	expenditure
	Rs/crores
1984-85	26
1985-86	28
1986-87	42*

*Subject to Government audit.

Fuel efficient vehicles by Maruti Udyog Ltd.

901. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has employed modern manufacturing technology to produce fuel efficient vehicles on a large scale;

(b) if so, what is the total number of vehicles produced so far by the company;

(c) how much amount has been invested by the company; and

(d) what is the total turnover in the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 and proposed for the year 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Maruti Udyog Limited had produced 1,77,482 No. of vehicles till 30th June, 1987.

(c) The company has made a gross investment of Rs. 223.98 crores as on 31.3.1987.

(d) The total turnover of Maruti Udyog Limited during 1985-86 and 1986-87 had been Rs. 286.36 crores and Rs. 630.33 crores respectively. During 1987-88, a total turnover of Rs. 807.44 crores is anticipated.

Loss suffered by HEC

902. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loss suffered by HEC, Ranchi, during the last one year;

(b) what are the reasons for the losses; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to cut the losses?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) HEC is estimated to have incurred a loss of about Rs. 68 crores in 1986-87 (The accounts of 1986-87 have not yet been finalised).

(b) The reasons for the losses have been lack of continuous and remunerative orders, low capacity utilisation, high costs and difficult liquidity position, etc.

(c) Some of the measures taken are non-plan assisance, procurement of remunerative orders, modernisation, diversification, technology upgradation, etc.

Constitution of All India Judicial Service

903. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an All India judicial service as recommended by the Law Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Law Commission has submitted its 116th Report on creation of All India Judicial Service. The report has already been placed before both the Houses of Parliament.

(c) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

BHEL's ongoing collaboration

904. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BHEL's ongoing collaborations as on date alongwith the name of the collaborator, collaborator's agent in India, product/services under agreement, collaboration period;

(b) the annual production of the product in each of the last three years with profit so made;

(c) the amount paid to collaborator (converted into Rupees) in each of the last three years for Engineering and design materials and components, royalty, training; and

(d) the fees, royalties and consultancy amount paid by BHEL to foreign or Indian organisations/consultants (converted into Rupees) during each of the last three years with details of the parties to whom such a fee of more than Rupees 10 lakhs were paid alongwies the services/work rendered by them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.